

Theory and Practice of Planning (UAP 5174)
Mondays 4:15-6:45, Main conference room
Virginia Tech University, Alexandria Center
Graduate Urban Affairs and Planning

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Course Description

This course will examine the theory and practice of planning from sociological, anthropological, and professional perspectives. Class sessions will provide a context of theoretical insight and a forum for discussion of current and historic planning themes.

Topics covered in this course include urban theory and form, community development, social justice, public politics, regional governance, small town planning and urban design. The class explores a broad range of readings related to these subjects. In each class, we will discuss the readings, and I will lead an accompanying lecture. Please come to class prepared, having read the reading assignment thoroughly and completed your weekly assignment.

Assignments

There will be two take-home exams for this course. In addition, each week, please bring a question related to the week's reading. Questions should be typed and submitted as hard copies, so I can incorporate them in class or respond accordingly. More about the weekly questions is available on the blackboard site.

The first exam covers material from classes 01 to 05 and is due in class on 10/15/07. The final exam covers material from classes 06 to 12 and is due on 12/10/07.

Grading

Response questions	20%
Class participation	10%
Exam I	35%
Exam II	35%

Schedule

Most of your readings will be chapters from the required course text, *The City Reader* (CR), edited by Richard T. LeGates and Frederic Stout. You can purchase this book at the campus bookstore in Falls Church, or order it online. The blackboard site will indicate your weekly readings from CR and provide pdf versions of outside sources.

#	Date	Topic	
01	08/20/07	Highlights	
02	08/27/07	History	
--	09/03/07	Labor Day	<i>No class</i>
03	09/10/07	Plans	
04	09/24/07	Urban Theory	
05	10/01/07	Urban Form	<i>Exam available on blackboard</i>
--	10/08/07	Fall Break	<i>No class</i>
06	10/15/07	History Revisited	<i>Exam due</i>
07	10/22/07	Citizen participation	
08	10/29/07	Infrastructure and services	
09	11/05/07	Small towns and shopping	
10	11/12/07	Urban Design	
11	11/26/07	Recent movements	<i>Exam available on blackboard</i>
12	12/03/07	Future considerations	
--	12/10/07		<i>Exam due</i>

Academic Honor Policy

1. If you have any questions about what constitutes academic dishonesty, please refer to the VT website on the honor code points on plagiarism:
<http://www.english.vt.edu/~IDLE/plagiarism/plagiarism1.html>
2. I will turn you in to the Honor Court, per our university regulations. You will receive a double-weighted zero on the assignment, which probably means you will fail the entire class. Don't test me.
3. If you need clarification, you can bring up any questions you have about plagiarism or the VT honor code. The undergraduate honor code may be found at:
<http://www.honorsystem.vt.edu/Frame01.html>.
4. If you have a disability that entitles you to accommodation, please inform me as soon as possible during my office hours or outside of class. I am happy to assist; Virginia Tech's services for students with disabilities can be found at <http://www.ssd.vt.edu/supportservices>.